

**MINUTES**  
**LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2004**  
**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112**  
**FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING**  
**1:30 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Ray Stevens, Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Ray Stevens

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair  
Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on Tuesday, January 6, 2004.**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting dated January 6, 2004. Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. The Commissioners Award of Excellence for December, 2003 was presented to Jane Voboril, with the Corrections Department.**

- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment and the meeting proceeded as planned.

- 4) **CLAIMS:** Approval of all claims processed through Tuesday, January 13, 2004.

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of all claims processed through January 13, 2004. Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- 5) **NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. An interlocal agreement with Seward County for the safekeeping, care and sustenance of juveniles while at the Juvenile Detention Center. Lancaster County will be reimbursed \$213 per youth, per day from Seward County. The agreement is effective upon execution and has a 30 day termination provision. (C-04-0008)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of an interlocal agreement with Seward County for the safekeeping care and sustenance of juveniles while at the Juvenile Detention Center. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**B. An agreement with Ameritas Investment Corp. for financial consulting services with respect to financing debt of Lancaster County. Term of the agreement is four years with an option to renew for an additional four year term, beginning upon execution of the agreement by both parties. The County will pay Ameritas in accordance with a fee schedule incorporated in the agreement. (C-04-0009)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded an agreement with Ameritas Investment Corp. for financial consulting services with respect to financing debt of Lancaster County. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**C. A utility relocation agreement between Lancaster County and Norris Public Power District of Beatrice, Nebraska. The total amount of the project is estimated at \$3,102.30, of which \$1,551.15 is estimated to be the share of the cost chargeable to the County. (C-04-0010)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of a utility relocation agreement between Lancaster County and Norris Public Power District of Beatrice, Nebraska. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

5) NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

**D. Supplemental agreement number 1 with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads for Project STPE-3265(6), South 68<sup>th</sup> Street from Roca Road to Saltillo Road). The County previously entered into a program agreement with the State regarding the project on November 18, 1997. Because the State does not have sufficient qualified personnel available to supervise and inspect the construction, it is necessary to supplement the agreement. The County will perform all staking, inspecting and testing services required under the original agreement, and the State will reimburse the County 80 percent of the cost of these services. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall apply. (C-04-0011)**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of a supplemental agreement number 1 with the State of Nebraska, Department of Roads for Project STPE-3265(6), South 68<sup>th</sup> Street from Roca Road to Saltillo Road. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**E. A grant contract with Lincoln Literacy Council to provide mentoring and language/employment skills for the Refugee Women's Group participants, in the amount of \$22,000. Term of the grant contract is October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. (C-04-0012)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of a grant contract with Lincoln Literacy Council to provide mentoring and language/employment skills for the Refugee Women's Group participants, in the amount of \$22,000. Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**F. A service agreement, in the amount of \$204.48, with Standard Register for annual support service of a signature machine located in the County Assessor/Register of Deeds office. Term of the agreement is January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. (NOTE: The agreement was approved by the County Board last year based on the need to have the equipment operating continuously.) (C-04-0007)**

5) **NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of a service agreement, in the amount of \$204.48, with Standard Register for annual support service of a signature machine located in the County Assessor/Register of Deeds office. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**G. A resolution authorizing installation of curve signs on South 120<sup>th</sup> Street between Saltillo Road and Rokeby Road. One sign will be located 2,000 feet north of Saltillo Road for northbound traffic and one will be located 250 feet south of Rokeby Road for southbound traffic. (R-04-0004)**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of Resolution 04-0004 authorizing installation of curve signs on South 120<sup>th</sup> Street between Saltillo Road and Rokeby Road. Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

**H. Authorization to temporarily close Havelock Avenue between 162<sup>nd</sup> and 176<sup>th</sup> Streets based on a recommendation from the Lancaster County Engineering Department.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded authorization to temporarily close Havelock Avenue between 162<sup>nd</sup> and 176<sup>th</sup> Streets based on a recommendation from the Lancaster County Engineering Department.

Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney, explained that the County Engineering Department recommended Havelock Avenue, between 162<sup>nd</sup> and 176<sup>th</sup> Streets, be temporarily closed due to dangerous conditions to the traveling public. She stated the County Board does have the authority to close the street pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §39-1801. Mundt added that the street would be closed until spring.

**ROLL CALL:** Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

6) **CONSENT ITEMS:** These are items of business that are routine which are expected to be adopted without dissent. Any individual item may be removed for special discussion and consideration by a Commissioner or by any member of the public without prior notice. Unless there is an exception, these items will be approved as one with a single vote of the Board of Commissioners. These items are approval of:

**A. Receive and Place on File:**

1. County Assessor's/Register of Deeds Monthly Report for December, 2003.
2. County Clerk's Monthly Report for December, 2003.
3. Lancaster Manor's Monthly Report.
4. Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for December, 2003.
5. Noxious Weed Control Authority's Monthly Report for December, 2003 for the Combined Weed Program with the City of Lincoln.

**B. Setting of a public hearing for Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 1:30 p.m. in the County Commissioners Hearing Room, Room 112, on the first floor of the County-City Building regarding an application for Corporate Manager for Connie Lou Hynek and a Class F (Beer On Sale Only) liquor license for Gas 'N Shop Inc. d/b/a Gas 'N Shop #41 located at 4003 West Highway 34 in Lancaster County, Nebraska.**

**C. Requests from Jimmy L. Kerns and Alex G. Olson, employees in the Lancaster County Engineering Department, to voluntarily participate in the County's Retirement Plan having met the requirements.**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded approval of the Consent Items. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

7) **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Phil Malcolm, Matt Phelps and Josh McGrew, students at Lincoln Christian School, appeared and explained they were observing the County Board meeting to obtain extra hours for a government class.

8) **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Clerk announced that the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners would be meeting with the County villages at the Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts of America Outdoor Education Center, located at 600 South 120<sup>th</sup> Street, on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

9) **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded adjournment of the Board of Commissioners meeting at 1:47 p.m.. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
County Clerk

**MINUTES  
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2004  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEARING ROOM, ROOM 112  
FIRST FLOOR, COUNTY-CITY BUILDING  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE REGULAR BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING**

Commissioners Present: Ray Stevens, Chair  
Bernie Heier  
Bob Workman

Commissioners Absent: Larry Hudkins, Vice Chair  
Deb Schorr

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer  
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk  
Kristy Mundt, Deputy County Attorney  
Rob Ogden, Chief Field Deputy in the County  
Assessor/Register of Deeds Office  
Trish Owen, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 1:47 p.m..

- 1) **MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting held on Tuesday, January 6, 2004.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the minutes of the Board of Equalization meeting dated January 6, 2004. Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment and the meeting proceeded as planned.

3) **ADDITIONS AND DEDUCTIONS:**

**Approval of 111 additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls per Exhibit "A".**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the additions and deductions to the tax assessment rolls. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

4) **MOTOR VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTIONS:**

**Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital (2 exemptions)  
Transfiguration Inc.**

**MOTION:** Workman moved and Heier seconded approval of the motor vehicle tax exemptions. Workman, Heier and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

5) **ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION:** Heier moved and Workman seconded adjournment of the Board of Equalization meeting at 1:50 p.m.. Heier, Workman and Stevens voted aye. Motion carried.

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Bruce Medcalf  
County Clerk